

Claims

1. A chair (1; 50; 50') having a seat (2; 52; 52') and a support surface (10; 10'; 10"; 10a"; 35; 60; 60') mounted on a frame member (4; 20a; 40; 61; 61') for supporting the arm of a user, the support surface (10; 10'; 10"; 10a"; 35; 60; 60') being vertically positionable at first user-defined positions above the seat (2; 52; 52') and being pivotally mounted on the frame member (4; 20a; 40; 61; 61') to allow the support surface to be positionable in a plurality of second user-defined positions usable to support a forearm of a user whilst the user performs a task.
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2. A chair (1; 50; 50') according to Claim 1, wherein a plurality of support surfaces (10; 10'; 10"; 10a"; 35; 60; 60') are provided.
- 15 3. A chair (1; 50; 50') according to Claim 2, wherein each support surface (10; 10'; 10"; 10a"; 35; 60; 60') is mounted on a dedicated frame member (4; 20a; 40; 61; 61').
4. A chair (1; 50; 50') according to Claim 2 or 3, wherein the second and any further support surfaces (10; 10'; 10"; 10a"; 35; 60; 60') is vertically positionable with respect to the seat and/or pivotally positionable in a plurality of user-defined positions.
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- 25 5. A chair (1) according to any preceding Claim, wherein the or each support surface (10; 10'; 10"; 10a"; 60; 60') is curved.

6. A chair (1) according to Claim 5, wherein the or each support surface (10; 10'; 10"; 10a") is of semi-circular, elliptical or otherwise curved form.
- 5 7. A chair (50; 50') according to any of Claims 1 to 4, wherein the or each support surface (60; 60') is an elongate, cranked member having a shorter limb (62; 62') and a longer limb (63; 63').
- 10 8. A chair (1; 50') according to any preceding Claim, wherein the or each support surface (10; 60') is mounted to its frame member (4; 61') by a universal joint (5; 70) securable in any particular user-defined support surface position.
- 15 9. A chair (1; 50; 50') according to any preceding Claim, wherein the support surface (10; 10'; 10"; 10a"; 60; 60') provides a forearm support surface, the forearm support surface (10; 10'; 10"; 10a"; 60; 60') being locatable outside of the footprint of the seat (2; 52; 52') when in use.
- 20 10. A device to support the arm of a user, the device comprising an arm support (10; 10'; 10"; 10a"; 35; 60; 60') pivotally attached to a frame member (4; 20a; 40; 61; 61'), the frame member (4; 20a; 40; 61; 61') being mountable or attachable to a chair, the device comprising means (4; 20a; 40; 36; 61; 61') to allow the support surface (10; 10'; 10"; 10a"; 35; 60; 60') to be positionable at user-defined positions above the chair when attached thereto and means (5; 5'; 5"; 20a; 36; 61; 61', 70) to allow the support surface (10; 10'; 10"; 10a"; 35; 60; 60') to be positionable in a plurality of user-defined positions usable to support the forearm of a user whilst the user undertakes a task.

11. A device to support the arm of a user, the device comprising an arm support (10; 10'; 10"; 10a"; 35; 60; 60') pivotally attached to a frame member (4; 20a; 40; 61; 61'), the frame member (4; 20a; 40; 61; 61') being mountable or attachable to a chair, the device comprising means (4; 20a; 40; 36; 61; 61') to allow the support surface (10; 10'; 10"; 10a"; 35; 60; 60') to be positionable at user-defined positions above the chair when attached thereto and means (5; 5'; 5"; 20a; 36; 61; 61', 70) to allow the support surface (10; 10'; 10"; 10a"; 35; 60; 60') to be positionable in a plurality of user-defined positions usable to support, in front of the user, the forearm of a user whilst the user undertakes a task.

12. A dentists chair in which patient is seatable, the chair comprising a support surface (10'; 35) for the arm of a user mounted on a frame member (20a; 40), the support surface (10'; 35) being positionable at user-defined positions vertically displaced above the seat and being pivotally mounted on the frame member (20a; 40) to allow the support surface to be positionable in a plurality of user-defined positions to support the forearm thereof whilst undertaking examination or treatment of the patient seated in the chair.

13. A chair according to Claim 12, further comprising a second support surface (10'; 35) for the forearm of the user, the support surfaces (10'; 35) being locatable on different sides of the patients' head.